

April is Automotive Career Month & National Car Care Month!

April is Automotive Career Month and National Car Care Month, and the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) is celebrating both California's drivers and those who repair their vehicles by participating in several events around the State.

⚙️ How about a career in the auto industry?

Men and women have the opportunity to find rewarding and exciting careers in today's automotive industry. The Schwarzenegger Administration recognizes the importance of Career Technical Education (CTE) for California, and has increased funding for it. At a recent CTE Summit, Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, stated that the automotive industry, along with infrastructure/construction, manufacturing, and health care will have the highest demands for skilled workers by the year 2014. There are many careers in the automotive industry, such as Auto Repair Technician, Auto Body Technician, and Automotive Electrician. Below are some resources for those who want to begin an automotive career and for those who are already working in the industry.

⚙️ Where can I go to obtain basic or advanced automotive training?

BAR's Web site has a statewide database listing of BAR-certified schools and colleges that provide basic and advanced automotive courses. To find out about a college or institution near you, go to www.smogcheck.ca.gov, click on "Technicians and Stations" on the left side of the page, and then click on "Technicians." While there, you can even learn how your VA benefits can pay for automotive training. You can also find out about how to become a licensed technician for Lamp, Brake, or Smog Check on BAR's home page.

The Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with manufacturers, new car dealers, and the State Department of Education for school-to-work automotive training for entry level or advanced studies in automotive technology. Go online to www.ayes.org to learn more about which high schools and institutions offer these services.

The California Department of Education assists schools or secondary programs in obtaining school certification and state-of-the-art curriculum in automotive technology for individuals in grades 11 and 12 and students in secondary programs. To learn more go online to www.cde.ca.gov and search "Automotive Youth Education Systems."

Careers in State government. Have you been an automotive technician for more than four years or have an automotive degree? Your experience can help you get a State job with the Bureau of Automotive Repair to help educate and protect consumers! BAR now offers continuous testing for Program



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Representative positions. Go to www.dca.ca.gov and click on “Jobs” to learn more. You can also go to the State Personnel Board’s Web site at www.spb.ca.gov to learn more about how to get a job with the State of California.

Are there any upcoming job fairs related to the automotive industry?

Yes. Job fairs featuring the automotive industry are scheduled in April and run throughout the summer. These job fairs will be held in various locations throughout the State. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) will update this list periodically, so check back for new information.

Upcoming Job Fairs:

- Fullerton College Job Fair, Fullerton CA - Wednesday, April 18, 2007
- Chabot College Car Show and Career Day, Hayward CA Saturday, May 12, 2007

Are there automotive associations I can contact for more information?

Here’s a list of automotive associations that can provide you with more information about educational and job opportunities:

- National Automobile Dealers Association at www.nada.org
- Automotive Service Excellence at www.asecert.org
- National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation at www.natef.org
- International Automotive Technician Network at www.iatn.com
- Automotive Service Councils of California at www.ascca.com
- California Automotive Business Coalition at www.calabc.org
- California Autobody Association at www.calautobody.com
- Coordinating Committee for Automotive Repair at www.ccar-greenlink.org
- I-Car Training at www.i-car.com
- California Service Stations and Automotive Repair Association at www.cssara.org
- Clean Air Performance Professionals at clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/capp
- Automotive Trade Organization of California at www.autoca.org
- California Automotive Teachers at www.calautoteachers.com
- California Motor Car Dealers Association at www.cmcdca.org
- The National Motorists Association at www.motorists.com

National Car Care Month for California’s consumers

BAR has joined with the Western Riverside County Clean Cities Coalition (WRCCCC) to sponsor five Car Care for Clean Air events during the months

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of April and May. Consumers who come to these events can have their vehicle's emissions tested for free. While there, they can also learn more about how to maintain their vehicle's emission system.

Representatives from DCA and BAR attend many outreach events throughout the year to get the word out about the many services they provide for California's consumers. Attending these events allows us to reach consumers and to educate them about their rights and responsibilities. For more information and to download a complete list of special events, go to www.dca.ca.gov and click "Special Outreach Events" under the "Consumers" link.

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Below is a listing of Car Care for Clean Air events:

- Perris, CA – April 21, 2007
- Moreno Valley, CA – April 28, 2007
- Banning, CA – May 12, 2007
- Hemet, CA – May 19, 2007

On April 21, 2007, BAR will participate in the Valley Clean Air Now (CAN) event at Merced College, where consumers can bring their vehicles in and receive a free emissions test. Vehicles with high emissions can obtain a voucher from CAN for up to \$500 to help with emissions-related repairs.

Representatives from BAR's Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) will also be at the CAN event, passing out CAP applications and answering smog-related questions. CAP offers qualified consumers up to \$500 to assist in emissions-related repairs or \$1,000 to retire your vehicle if it fails Smog Check. To find out if you and your vehicle qualify for the CAP Program, go to www.smogcheck.ca.gov and download an application or call the Department of Consumer Affairs' toll-free number at **(800) 952-5210**.

Breathe Easier, California!

In 2005, the Schwarzenegger Administration launched the Help California Breathe Easier campaign to educate Californians about the negative effects of vehicle-producing air pollution. Vehicle emissions also contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. In February 2007, the Schwarzenegger Administration established the nation's largest and most comprehensive regional greenhouse gas reduction program with four other Western states. For more information on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, visit the Governor's Web site at www.protectingoureenvironment.com.

To find out more about the adverse health effects of air pollution from automobiles, consumers can also log onto the State and Consumer Services Agency (SCSA) Web site at www.BreatheEasier.ca.gov. This Web site has results of studies which show the relationship of air pollution from automobiles to the health risks to young adults, seniors, and at-risk persons.

